

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph which begins at the top of page 6 as follows:

In a preferred embodiment, the chair **14** is vertically adjustable as illustrated in Figure 5. Typically, this is achieved by providing the vertical strut **30** with an adjustable telescoping mechanism **34**. The adjustable telescoping mechanism **34** can comprise a mechanical screw that raises or lowers the seat by spinning the seat similar to an old fashioned piano stool. More typically, such telescoping mechanisms **34** are provided with springs or a gas cylinder, together with suitable spring stops or valves to allow for the vertical adjustment of the seating surface **16**. Such telescoping mechanisms **34** in the vertical strut **30** are well-known to those in the art. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the vertical strut **30** comprises an internal air cylinder, internal valve and valve opening lever **36**. Such a vertical strut **30** provides an efficient and easily operated mechanism for vertically adjusting the height of the seating surface **16**. The height of the seating surface **16** is vertically adjustable.

independently of the distance between the rearward edge 22 of the work surface 20 and the forward edge 18 of the seating surface 16.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 9, as follows:

Preferably, the distance between the forward edge 18 of the seating surface 16 is laterally adjustable with respect to the rearward edge 22 of the work surface 20 as illustrated in Figure 3. This can be accomplished by fixing either the disposition of the chair 14 or the work surface 20 with respect to the base 12 and allowing the other of the chair 14 or work surface 20 to be moveable. In the embodiments illustrated in the drawings, the chair 14 is laterally fixed and the work surface 20 is laterally adjustable. In all cases, the distance between the rearward edge 22 of the work surface 20 is laterally adjustable with respect to the forward edge 18 of the seating surface 16 independently of the height of the seating surface 16.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A chair and desk combination comprising:

(a) a base;

(b) a chair attached to the base, the chair having a seating surface with a forward edge; and

(c) a work surface attached to the base, the work surface having a rearward edge and defining a work surface area of between about 80 square inches and about 1100 square inches;

wherein the height of the seating surface is vertically adjustable independently of the distance between the rearward edge of the work surface and the forward edge of the seating surface.

2. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein the chair is capable of swiveling about a vertical axis through an arc of at least 15°.

3. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 1 wherein the distance between the rearward edge of the work surface is laterally adjustable with respect to the forward edge of the seating surface independently of the height of the seating surface ~~forward edge of the seating surface is laterally adjustable with respect to rearward edge of the work surface.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 1 wherein the base comprises a pair of generally parallel, horizontal rails, the work surface is attached to the base by a pair of generally parallel riser rails, each horizontal rail has a

forward end and a rearward end, each riser rail has an upper portion and a lower most end and the forward end of each horizontal rail is attached to the lower most end of at least one of said riser rails a riser rail.

5. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 1 wherein the combination further comprises a pair of generally parallel riser rails attached to the base, the work surface is defined on a substrate having an underside, an ~~the~~ upper portion of the riser rails are attached to a pair of parallel first slide sections, an ~~the~~ underside of the substrate is attached to a pair of parallel second slide sections and each first slide section cooperates with at least one of said parallel slide sections a ~~second slide section~~ so that the rearward edge of the work surface can be laterally adjusted by sliding the work surface forward with respect to the seating surface or by sliding the work surface rearwardly with respect to the seating surface.

6. (Original) The combination of claim 5 wherein the first slide sections comprise a pair of transverse rails and the second slide sections comprise a pair of slide rods, each of the slide rods being slidably disposed within both transverse rails.

7. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 5 wherein the first slide sections comprise a pair of transverse rails and a pair of ball bearing race covers attached to the transverse rails, the second slide sections comprise a pair of ball bearing races attached to the underside of the substrate and a plurality of ball bearings are held within the races by the ball bearing race covers.

8. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 5 wherein the first slide sections comprise a pair of transverse rails and a pair of dove tail covers and wherein the second slide sections comprise a pair of dove tail beams attached to the underside of the substrate, each dove tail beam being slidably disposed within one of the dove tail covers.

9. (Original) The combination of claim 5 wherein the first slide sections comprise a notched rail having a plurality of notches, and wherein the second slide sections comprise a latch, the latch being capable of cooperating with the notches in the notched rail to alternatively (i) fixedly engage the work surface with respect to the base at any one of a plurality of distances from the seating surface, and (ii) disengage the work surface from the base so that the work surface can be slid closer to the seating surface or further from the seating surface.

10. (Original) The combination of claim 9 wherein the latch comprises a latch release mechanism disposed proximate to the rearward edge of the work surface.

11. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 6 wherein the second slide sections comprise a transverse rail and a set screw disposed through the transverse rail, the set screw being capable of engaging one of the slide rods.

12. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 5 further comprising a notched plate attached to the underside of the substrate, the notched plate having a plurality of notches, and wherein the first slide sections comprise a transverse rail with

a locking pin slidably disposed therein, the locking pin being capable of engaging the notches in the notched plate so as to prevent the sliding of the work surface with respect to the seating surface.

13. (Currently Amended) A chair and desk combination comprising:

- (a) a base;
- (b) a chair attached to the base, the chair having a seating surface with a forward edge; and
- (c) a work surface attached to the base, the work surface having a rearward edge and defining a work surface area of between about 80 square inches and about 1100 square inches;

wherein the seating surface of the chair is capable of swiveling about a vertical axis through an arc of at least 15°; and

wherein the distance between the rearward edge of the work surface is laterally adjustable with respect to the forward edge of the seating surface independently of the height of the seating surface ~~forward edge of the seating surface is laterally adjustable with respect to the rearward edge of the work surface.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 13 where the height of the seating surface is vertically adjustable independently of the distance between the rearward edge of the work surface and the forward edge of the seating surface.

15. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 13 wherein the base comprises a pair of generally parallel, horizontal rails, the work surface is attached to the base by a pair of generally parallel riser rails, each horizontal rail has a forward end and a rearward end, each riser rail has an upper portion and a lower most end and the forward end of each horizontal rail is attached to the lower most end of at least one of said riser rails a riser rail.

16. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 13 wherein the combination further comprises a pair of generally parallel riser rails attached to the base, the work surface is defined on a substrate having an underside, an ~~the~~ upper portion of the riser rails are attached to a pair of parallel first slide sections, an ~~the~~ underside of the substrate is attached to a pair of parallel second slide sections and each first slide section cooperates with at least one of said parallel slide sections a ~~second slide section~~ so that the rearward edge of the work surface can be laterally adjusted by sliding the work surface forward with respect to the seating surface or by sliding the work surface rearwardly with respect to the seating surface.

17. (Original) The combination of claim 16 wherein the first slide sections comprise a pair of transverse rails and the second slide sections comprise a pair of slide rods, each of the slide rods being slidably disposed within both transverse rails.

18. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 16 wherein the first slide sections comprise a pair of transverse rails and a pair of ball bearing race covers attached to the transverse

rails, wherein the second slide sections comprise a pair of ball bearing races attached to the underside of the substrate and wherein a plurality of ball bearings are held within the races by the ball bearing race covers.

19. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 16 wherein the first slide sections comprise a pair of transverse rails and a pair of dove tail beam covers and wherein the second slide sections comprise a pair of dove tail beams attached to the underside of the substrate, each dove tail beam being slidably disposed within one of the dove tail covers.

20. (Original) The combination of claim 16 wherein the first slide sections comprise a notched rail having a plurality of notches, and wherein the second slide sections comprise a latch, the latch being capable of cooperating with the notches in the notched rail to alternatively (i) fixedly engage the work surface with respect to the base at any one of a plurality of distances from the seating surface, and (ii) disengage the work surface from the base so that the work surface can be slid closer to the seating surface or further from the seating surface.

21. (Original) The combination of claim 20 wherein the latch comprises a latch release mechanism disposed proximate to the rearward edge of the work surface.

22. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 17 wherein the second slide sections comprise a transverse rail and a set screw disposed through the transverse rail, the set screw being capable of engaging the slide rod.

23. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 16 further comprising a notched plate attached to the underside of the substrate, the notched plate having a plurality of notches, and wherein the first slide sections comprise a transverse rail with a locking pin slidably disposed therein, the locking pin being capable of engaging the notches in the notched plate so as to prevent the sliding of the work surface with respect to the seating surface.

24. (Currently Amended) A chair and desk combination comprising:

(a) a base;

(b) a chair attached to the base, the chair having a seating surface with a forward edge; and

(c) a work surface attached to the base, the work surface having a rearward edge and defining a work surface area of between about 80 square inches and about 1100 square inches;

wherein the height of the seating surface is vertically adjustable independently of the distance between the rearward edge of the work surface and the forward edge of the seating surface;

wherein the seating surface of the chair is capable of swiveling about a vertical axis through an arc of at least 15°; and

wherein the distance between the rearward edge of the work surface is laterally adjustable with respect to the forward edge of the seating surface independently of the height of the seating surface ~~forward edge of the seating surface is laterally adjustable with respect to the rearward edge of the work surface.~~

25. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 24 wherein the base comprises a pair of generally parallel horizontal rails, the work surface is attached to the base by a pair of riser rails, each horizontal rail has a forward end and a rearward end, each riser rail has an upper portion and a lower most end and the forward end of each horizontal rail is attached to the lower most end of at least one of said riser rails ~~a riser rail~~.

26. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 24 wherein the combination further comprises a pair of generally parallel riser rails attached to the base, the work surface is defined on a substrate having an underside, an ~~the~~ upper portion of the riser rails are attached to a pair of parallel first slide sections, an ~~the~~ underside of the substrate is attached to a pair of parallel second slide sections and each first slide section cooperates with at least one of said parallel slide sections ~~a second slide section~~ so that the rearward edge of the work surface can be laterally adjusted by sliding the work surface forward with respect to the seating surface or by sliding the work surface rearwardly with respect to the seating surface.

27. (Original) The combination of claim 26 wherein the first slide sections comprise a pair of transverse rails and the second slide sections comprise a pair of slide rods, each of the slide rods being slidably disposed within both transverse rails.

28. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 26 wherein the first slide sections comprise a pair of transverse rails and a pair of ball bearing race covers attached to the transverse rails, wherein the second slide sections comprise a pair of ball

bearing races attached to the underside of the substrate and wherein a plurality of ball bearings are held within the races by the ball bearing race covers.

29. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 26 wherein the first slide sections comprise a pair of transverse rails and a pair of dove tail beam covers and wherein the second slide sections comprise a pair of dove tail beams attached to the underside of the substrate, each dove tail beam being slidably disposed within one of the dove tail covers.

30. (Original) The combination of claim 26 wherein the first slide sections comprise a notched rail having a plurality of notches, and wherein the second slide sections comprise a latch, the latch being capable of cooperating with the notches in the notched rail to alternatively (i) fixedly engage the work surface with respect to the base at any one of a plurality of distances from the seating surface, and (ii) disengage the work surface from the base so that the work surface can be slid closer to the seating surface or further from the seating surface.

31. (Original) The combination of claim 30 wherein the latch comprises a latch release mechanism disposed proximate to the rearward edge of the work surface.

32. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 27 wherein the second slide sections comprise a transverse rail and a set screw disposed through the transverse rail, the set screw being capable of engaging one of the slide rods.

33. (Withdrawn) The combination of claim 26 further comprising a notched plate attached to the underside of the substrate, the notched plate having a plurality of notches, and wherein the first slide sections comprise a transverse rail with a locking pin slidably disposed therein, the locking pin being capable of engaging the notches in the notched plate so as to prevent the sliding of the work surface with respect to the seating surface.